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US Potato Stocks Up 5 Percent from last year

The 13 major potato States held 238 million cwt of potatoes in storage January 1, 2008, up 5 percent from last year and 8 percent above January 1, 2006. Potatoes in storage account for 59 percent of the 2007 fall storage States' production, up 1 percentage point from last year. Idaho's potato stocks are up 5 percent from last year, Washington's potato sheds held 27 percent more than last year, and Oregon's stocks increased 16 percent from last season. Klamath Basin stocks totaled 3.40 million cwt on January 1, 2008, unchanged from last year. Klamath Basin includes California and Klamath County, Oregon potato stocks. Potato disappearance, at 163 million cwt, is down slightly from last year but up 6 percent from 2006. Season to date shrink and loss, at 16.0 million cwt, is down 1 percent from the same date in 2007 but 7 percent above 2 years ago.

Potatoes: Production and total stocks of fall potatoes, 2006 and 2007 crops ¹

State	Crop of 2006			Crop of 2007		
	Production	Total stocks Jan 1, 2007	Jan 1 stocks as % of production	Production	Total stocks Jan 1, 2008	Jan 1 stocks as % of production
	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>Percent</i>
Oregon	18,533	13,900	75	20,238	16,100	80
Idaho	128,915	80,000	62	131,650	84,000	64
Washington	89,900	42,500	47	102,300	54,000	53
California	3,870	1,500	39	4,223	1,600	38
Colorado	22,686	15,200	67	20,981	13,200	63
Maine	17,980	12,800	71	16,530	11,300	68
Michigan	14,190	6,300	44	14,700	7,400	50
Minnesota	20,400	11,600	57	20,680	11,500	56
Montana	3,518	3,300	94	3,696	3,500	95
Nebraska	8,730	4,900	56	8,051	4,500	56
New York	5,700	2,200	39	5,216	1,900	36
North Dakota	25,480	15,000	59	23,660	12,500	53
Wisconsin	29,370	16,900	58	28,160	16,000	57
13 State Total	389,272	226,100	58	400,085	237,500	59
Klamath Basin ²	-	3,400	-	-	3,400	-

¹ Stocks include processor holdings and most of the seed to plant following year's crop. Seed usage for all seasons in 2007 totaled 26.4 million cwt.

² Estimates began in 2006. Includes potato stocks in CA and Klamath County, Oregon.

Fall Potatoes: Production and stocks, Oregon and major states total, 2003-2007

Location and crop year	Production	Total stocks						
		Dec 1	Following year					
			Jan 1	Feb 1	Mar 1	Apr 1	May 1	Jun 1
	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>
Oregon								
2003	20,991	18,000	15,800	13,500	11,000	8,400	5,500	2,900
2004	19,775	17,000	14,500	11,800	9,000	6,200	3,900	2,100
2005	22,023	19,000	16,500	14,500	11,500	8,500	5,000	2,300
2006	18,533	16,000	13,900	11,700	9,700	7,600	4,800	2,300
2007	20,238	18,000	16,100	-	-	-	-	-
13 Major states								
2003 ¹	403,181	267,900	233,590	200,230	166,280	126,110	85,000	46,020
2004 ¹	403,587	271,100	236,700	203,490	168,020	128,900	88,550	51,700
2005	374,298	253,800	220,500	189,100	155,500	115,700	75,900	41,560
2006	389,272	259,300	226,100	192,600	159,700	121,000	79,050	44,460
2007 ²	400,085	270,100	237,500	-	-	-	-	-

¹ 15 major States.

² December 1, 2007, stocks revised.

Processing Potatoes

Processors in the 9 major States have used 87.7 million cwt of potatoes this season, down 4 percent from a year ago but 8 percent above 2 years ago. Dehydrating usage accounts for 16.7 million cwt of the total processing, down 13 percent from last year but 7 percent above the same date in 2006.

Potatoes: Used for processing, selected areas, 2005, 2006 and 2007 crops ¹

Storage season	To Dec 1	To Jan 1	To Feb 1	To Mar 1	To Apr 1	To May 1	To June 1	Entire season
	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>	<i>1,000 cwt.</i>
Idaho and Oregon-(Malheur County)								
2005-2006	22,840	29,300	35,970	43,300	50,820	57,830	65,030	77,360
2006-2007	27,090	34,070	41,350	48,940	56,650	63,680	71,220	85,630
2007-2008	26,230	33,260	-	-	-	-	-	-
Washington and Oregon-(other areas)								
2005-2006	30,310	35,895	40,545	48,290	55,320	61,855	69,360	78,550
2006-2007	30,980	37,060	42,190	49,930	56,690	63,170	70,410	77,355
2007-2008	28,995	34,675	-	-	-	-	-	-
Maine ²								
2005-2006	1,365	1,880	2,485	3,090	3,800	4,450	5,130	6,825
2006-2007	1,755	2,360	2,910	3,465	4,185	4,810	5,470	7,560
2007-2008	1,700	2,170	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other states ³								
2005-2006	11,055	14,070	17,005	19,895	22,520	25,270	27,740	35,535
2006-2007	14,270	17,695	21,290	24,545	28,040	31,370	34,830	43,315
2007-2008	15,040	17,560	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total								
2005-2006	65,570	81,145	96,005	114,575	132,460	149,405	167,260	198,270
2006-2007	74,095	91,185	107,740	126,880	145,565	163,030	181,930	213,860
2007-2008	71,965	87,665	-	-	-	-	-	-

¹ Total quantity received and used for processing regardless of the state in which the potatoes were produced. Total excludes quantities used for potato chips in ME and WI.

² Includes Maine grown potatoes only.

³ CO, MN, NV, ND, and WI.

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